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such requests. When a request for financial records is made—

(i) A military intelligence group commander, the chief of an investigative control office, or the Commanding General (CG) (or Deputy CG), U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, will certify to the financial institution that the requesting activity has complied with the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 3403(b).

(ii) The requesting official will notify the financial institution from which records are sought that 12 U.S.C. 3414(a)(3) prohibits disclosure to any person by the institution, its agents, or employees that financial records have been sought or obtained.

(k) *Certification.* A certificate of compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (app. C) will be provided to the financial institution as a prerequisite to obtaining access to financial records under the following access procedures:

- (1) Customer consent (§504.2(b)).
- (2) Search warrant (§504.2(d)).
- (3) Judicial subpoena (§504.2(e)).
- (4) Formal written request (§504.2(f)).
- (5) Emergency access (§504.2(g)).
- (6) Foreign intelligence and foreign counterintelligence activities (§504.2(j)).

APPENDIX A TO PART 504—REQUEST FOR BASIC IDENTIFYING ACCOUNT DATA—SAMPLE FORMAT

(Official Letterhead)

(Date)

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Teller (as appropriate), First National Bank, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Dear Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_: In connection with a legitimate law enforcement inquiry and pursuant to section 3414 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, section 3401 *et seq.*, Title 12, United States Code, you are requested to provide the following account information: (name, address, account number, and type of account of any customer or ascertainable group of customers associated with a certain financial transaction or class of financial transactions as set forth in §504.1(f)).

I hereby certify, pursuant to section 3403(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, that the provisions of the Act have been complied with as to this request for account information.

(Official Signature Block) \_\_\_\_\_

Under section 3417(c) of the Act, good faith reliance upon this certification relieves your institution and its employees and agents of any possible liability to the subject in connection with the disclosure of the requested financial records.

APPENDIX B TO PART 504—CUSTOMER CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCESS—SAMPLE FORMAT

Pursuant to section 3404(a) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, I, (name of customer), having read the explanation of my rights on the reverse side, hereby authorize the (name and address of financial institution) to disclose these financial records: (list of particular financial records) to (Army law enforcement office) for the following purpose(s): (specify the purpose(s)).

I understand that this authorization may be revoked by me in writing at any time before my records, as described above, are disclosed, and that this authorization is valid for no more than 3 months from the date of my signature.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Typed name)

(Mailing address of customer)

Statement of Customer Rights Under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978

Federal law protects the privacy of your financial records. Before banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, credit card issuers, or other financial institutions may give financial information about you to a Federal agency, certain procedures must be followed.

*Consent to Financial Records*

You may be asked to consent to the financial institution making your financial records available to the Government. You may withhold your consent, and your consent is not required as a condition of doing business with any financial institution. If you give your consent, it can be revoked in writing at any time before your records are disclosed. Furthermore, any consent you give is effective for only 3 months and your financial institution must keep a record of the instances in which it discloses your financial information.

*Without Your Consent*

Without your consent, a Federal agency that wants to see your financial records may do so ordinarily only by means of a lawful subpoena, summons, formal written request, or search warrant for that purpose. Generally, the Federal agency must give you advance notice of its request for your records explaining why the information is being sought and telling you how to object in court. The Federal agency must also send

you copies of court documents to be prepared by you with instructions for filling them out. While these procedures will be kept as simple as possible, you may want to consult an attorney before making a challenge to a Federal agency's request.

#### *Exceptions*

In some circumstances, a Federal agency may obtain financial information about you without advance notice or your consent. In most of these cases, the Federal agency will be required to go to court for permission to obtain your records without giving you notice beforehand. In these instances, the court will make the Government show that its investigation and request for your records are proper. When the reason for the delay of notice no longer exists, you will usually be notified that your records were obtained.

#### *Transfer of Information*

Generally, a Federal agency that obtains your financial records is prohibited from transferring them to another Federal agency unless it certifies in writing the transfer is proper and sends a notice to you that your records have been sent to another agency.

#### *Penalties*

If the Federal agency or financial institution violates the Right to Financial Privacy Act, you may sue for damages or seek compliance with the law. If you win, you may be repaid your attorney's fee and costs.

#### *Additional Information*

If you have any questions about your rights under this law, or about how to consent to release your financial records, please call the official whose name and telephone number appears below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Area Code) (Telephone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Component activity, address)

#### APPENDIX C TO PART 504—CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1978—SAMPLE FORMAT

(Official Letterhead)

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Manager, Army Federal Credit Union, Fort Ord, CA 93941.

Dear Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_: I certify, pursuant to section 3403(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, section 3401 *et seq.*, Title 12, United States Code, that the applicable provisions of that statute have been complied with as to the (customer's consent,

search warrant or judicial subpoena, formal written request, emergency access, as applicable) presented on (date), for the following financial records of (customer's name):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe the specific records)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Official Signature Block)

Pursuant to section 3417(c) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, good faith reliance upon this certificate relieves your institution and its employees and agents of any possible liability to the customer in connection with the disclosure of these financial records.

#### APPENDIX D TO PART 504—FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST FOR ACCESS—SAMPLE FORMAT

(Official Letterhead)

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

President (as appropriate), City National Bank and Trust Company, Altoona, PA 16602.

Dear Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_: In connection with a legitimate law enforcement inquiry and pursuant to section 3402(5) and section 3408 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, section 3401 *et seq.*, Title 12, United States Code, and Army Regulation 190-6, you are requested to provide the following account information pertaining to (identify customer);

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe the specific records to be examined)

The Army has no authority to issue an administrative summons or subpoena for access to these financial records which are required for (describe the nature or purpose of the inquiry).

A copy of this request was (personally served upon or mailed to) the subject on (date) who has (10 or 14) days in which to challenge this request by filing an application in an appropriate United States district court if the subject desires to do so.

Upon expiration of the above mentioned time period and in the absence of any filing or challenge by the subject, you will be furnished a certification certifying in writing that the applicable provisions of the Act have been complied with prior to obtaining the requested records. Upon your receipt of a Certificate of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, you will be relieved of any possible liability to the subject in connection with the disclosure of the requested financial records.

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(Official Signature Block)